

(1) will provide, without participation of funds authorized, all necessary rights-of-way for the construction of said highway, which rights-of-way shall be of a minimum width where practicable of one hundred meters in rural areas and fifty meters in municipalities and shall forever be held inviolate as a part of the highway for public use;

(2) will not impose any highway toll, or permit any such toll to be charged, for use by vehicles or persons of any portion of said highway constructed under the provisions of this section;

(3) will not levy or assess, directly or indirectly, any fee, tax, or other charge for the use of said highway by vehicles or persons from the United States that does not apply equally to vehicles or persons of such country;

(4) will continue to grant reciprocal recognition of vehicle registration and drivers' licenses in accordance with the provisions of the Convention for the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic, which was opened for signature at the Pan American Union in Washington on December 15, 1943, and to which such country and the United States are parties, or of any other treaty or international convention establishing similar reciprocal recognition; and

(5) will provide for the maintenance of said highway after its completion in condition adequately to serve the needs of present and future traffic.

(b) The survey and construction work authorized by this section shall be under the administration of the Secretary, who shall consult with the appropriate officials of the Department of State with respect to matters involving the foreign relations of this Government, and such negotiations with the Governments of the American Republics named in subsection (a) of this section as may be required to carry out the purposes of this section shall be conducted through, or as authorized by, the Department of State.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not create nor authorize the creation of any obligations on the part of the Government of the United States with respect to any expenditures of highway construction or survey heretofore or hereafter undertaken in any of the countries enumerated in subsection (a) of this section, other than the expenditures authorized by the provisions of this section.

(d) Appropriations made pursuant to any authorizations heretofore, or hereafter enacted for the Inter-American Highway shall be considered available for expenditure by the Secretary for necessary administrative and engineering expenses in connection with the Inter-American Highway program.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 909.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 216 of this title.

[§ 213. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-17, title I, § 133(e)(1), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 173]

Section, Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 911, related to construction of Rama Road in Republic of Nicaragua.

§ 214. Public lands development roads and trails

(a) Funds available for public lands development roads and trails shall be used to pay the cost of construction and improvement of such roads and trails.

(b) Funds available for public lands development roads and trails shall be available for adjacent vehicular parking areas and for sanitary, water, and fire control facilities.

(Added Pub. L. 87-866, § 6(b), Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1147; amended Pub. L. 97-424, title I, § 126(d), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2115.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-424 struck out subsec. (c) which provided for prior approval by the Secretary of all projects for public lands development roads and trails and for general supervision by the Secretary of their construction.

§ 215. Territorial highway program

(a) Recognizing the mutual benefits that will accrue to the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to the United States from the improvement of highways in such territories of the United States, the Secretary is authorized to assist each such territorial government in a program for the construction and improvement of a system of arterial highways, and necessary interisland connectors designated by the Governor of such territory and approved by the Secretary. Federal financial assistance shall be granted under this subsection to such territories upon the basis of a Federal contribution of 100 per centum of the cost of any project.

(b) In order to establish a long-range highway development program, the Secretary is authorized to provide technical assistance for the establishment of an appropriate agency to administer on a continuing basis highway planning, design, construction and maintenance operations, the development of a system of arterial and collector highways, including necessary interisland connectors, and the establishment of advance acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance programs.

(c) No part of the appropriations authorized under this section shall be available for obligation or expenditure with respect to any territory until the Governor enters into an agreement with the Secretary providing that the government of such territory (1) will design and construct a system of arterial and collector highways, including necessary interisland connectors, built in accordance with standards approved by the Secretary; (2) will not impose any toll, or permit any such toll to be charged, for use by vehicles or persons of any portion of the facilities constructed or operated under the provisions of this section; (3) will provide for the maintenance of such facilities in a condition to adequately serve the needs of present and future traffic; (4) will implement standards for traffic operations and uniform traffic control devices which are approved by the Secretary.

(d)(1) Three per centum of the sums authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year for carrying out subsection (a) of this section shall be available for expenditure only for engineering

and economic surveys and investigations, for the planning of future highway programs and the financing thereof, for studies of the economy, safety, and convenience of highway usage and the desirable regulation and equitable taxation thereof, and for research and development, necessary in connection with the planning, design, and maintenance of the highway system, and the regulation and taxation of their use.

(2) In addition to the percentage provided in paragraph (1) of the subsection, not to exceed 2 per centum of sums authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year for carrying out subsection (a) of this section may be expended upon request of the Governor and with the approval of the Secretary for the purposes enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(e) None of the funds authorized to be appropriated for carrying out this section shall be obligated or expended for maintenance of the highway system.

(f) The provisions of chapter 1 of this title that are applicable to Federal-aid primary highway funds, other than provisions relating to the apportionment formula and provisions limiting the expenditure of such funds to the Federal-aid systems, shall apply to the funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, except as determined by the Secretary to be inconsistent with this section.

(Added Pub. L. 91-605, title I, §112(a), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1720; amended Pub. L. 95-599, title I, §129(f), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2708; Pub. L. 96-106, §9, Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 798; Pub. L. 100-17, title I, §133(b)(16), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 172.)

AMENDMENTS

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-17 inserted reference in first sentence to Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1979—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 96-106 substituted “chapter 1” for “chapters 1 and 5”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted “100 per centum” for “70 per centum”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-599 effective with respect to obligations incurred after Nov. 6, 1978, see section 129(h) of Pub. L. 95-599, set out as a note under section 120 of this title.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1979, 1980, AND 1982

Pub. L. 95-599, title I, §104(a)(12), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2691, provided that: “For carrying out section 215(a) of title 23, United States Code—

“(A) for the Virgin Islands, not to exceed \$5,000,000 per fiscal year for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1979, September 30, 1980, September 30, 1981, and September 30, 1982.

“(B) for Guam, not to exceed \$5,000,000 per fiscal year for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1979, September 30, 1980, September 30, 1981, and September 30, 1982.

“(C) for American Samoa, not to exceed \$1,000,000 per fiscal year for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 1979, September 30, 1980, September 30, 1981, and September 30, 1982.

“Sums authorized by this paragraph shall be available for obligation at the beginning of the period for which authorized in the same manner and to the same

extent as if such sums were apportioned under chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.”

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, AND FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1977, AND 1978

Pub. L. 94-280, title I, §105(a)(12), May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 427, authorized the appropriation of not to exceed \$1,250,000 for the Virgin Islands and Guam and not to exceed \$250,000 for American Samoa for the three-month period ending Sept. 30, 1976, and not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the Virgin Islands and Guam and not to exceed \$1,000,000 for American Samoa for the fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 1977, and 1978, such sums to be available for obligation at the beginning of the fiscal year for which authorized.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1974, 1975, AND 1976

Pub. L. 93-87, title I, §104(a)(12), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 252, authorized the appropriation for each of fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, 1975, and 1976 of not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the Virgin Islands, not to exceed \$2,000,000 for Guam, and not to exceed \$1,000,000 for American Samoa, such sums to be available for obligation at the beginning of the fiscal year for which authorized.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1971, 1972, AND 1973

Section 112(c), (d) of Pub. L. 91-605 authorized the appropriation of not to exceed \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years ending June 30, 1971, 1972, and 1973, for the Virgin Islands and Guam, and \$500,000 for American Samoa, to carry out section 215(a) of this title; the sums appropriated for fiscal 1971 to be made available immediately and sums appropriated for fiscal 1972 and 1973 to be available at the beginning of the fiscal year for which authorized.

§ 216. Darien Gap Highway

(a) The United States shall cooperate with the Government of the Republic of Panama and with the Government of Colombia in the construction of approximately two hundred and fifty miles of highway in such countries in the location known as the “Darien Gap” to connect the Inter-American Highway authorized by section 212 of this title with the Pan American Highway System of South America. Such highway shall be known as the “Darien Gap Highway”. Funds authorized by this section shall be obligated and expended subject to the same terms, conditions, and requirements with respect to the Darien Gap Highway as are funds authorized for the Inter-American Highway by subsection (a) of section 212 of this title.

(b) The construction authorized by this section shall be under the administration of the Secretary who shall consult with the appropriate officials of the Department of State with respect to matters involving the foreign relations of this Government, and such negotiations with the Governments of the Republic of Panama and Colombia as may be required to carry out the purposes of this section shall be conducted through, or authorized by, the Department of State.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not create nor authorize the creation of any obligations on the part of the Government of the United States with respect to any expenditures for highway survey or construction heretofore or hereafter undertaken in Panama or Colombia,